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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed, as well as a copy of an International Search Report dated July 21, 2004, citing the listed documents in a counterpart Int'l. patent application.

For the concise explanation of relevance for non-English documents Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Nos. JPA-2002-244829, JPA-2003-091467, JPA-2002-094604, JPA-2003-085548, JPA-11-239312, and JPA-2004-110844, the Examiner is directed to the English abstracts attached thereto. Please note that JPA-2003-091467 and

JPA-2002-094604 are in the same patent family as U.S. Patent Publication Nos. 2004-0003060 A1 and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0032748, respectively.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

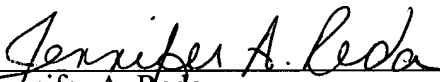
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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

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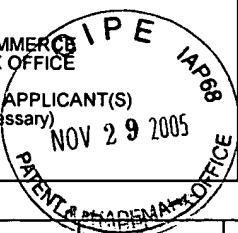
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